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SUBJECT: ILO 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

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1. DRAWING ON REFTELS CHARGE MADE DEMARCHE ON SUBJECT CONFERENCE TO MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SIR HAROLD WALTER AND (IN SEPARATE SESSION) TO MINISTER OF LABOR YOUSOUF MOHAMED AND HIS PERMANENT SECRETARY V. SOOBEN AFTERNOON MAY 12. BOTH MINISTERS WERE ATTENTIVE AND RECEPTIVE.
 2. SIR HAROLD OFFERED ADVICE THAT US DELEGATION TO ILC SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO APPEAR TO BE TOO DOGMATIC IN ITS APPROACH, AND PLAY DOWN THE "THREAT" TO WITHDRAW. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT SUCH "HEAVY HANDED" APPROACH WOULD ANNOY MANY AFRICAN STATES AND PUSH THEM TO SIDE WITH THE ARABS. IN SUCH AN EVENTUALITY MAURITIUS WOULD BE BOUND BY OAU CONSENSUS RESOLUTION TO STAND TOGETHER IN A BLOCK WITH THE OTHERS.
 3. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, SIR HAROLD NOTED THAT RECENT US POLICY
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- MOVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE CREATING A FAVORABLE RESPTNSE AMONG AFRICAN STATES. THIS POSITIVE CLIMATE WOULD BE A PLUS FACTOR THAT THE US DELEGATION AT GENEVA COULD POSSIBLY EXPLOIT FOR ITS PURPOSES.
 4. LABOR MINISTER MOHAMED AND PERMSEC SOOBEN, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE MAURITIAN ILC DELEGATION, COMMENTED THAT US POSITIONS SEEMED

"COGENT AND VALID." MOHAMED WONDERED IF STANCE ON ISRAELI RESOLUTION MIGHT BE PUTTING US IN EXCESSIVE PRO-ISRAEL POSITION. I RE-EMPHASIZED THAT WE DO NOT REGARD THIS AS A MID-EAST ISSUE, BUT AS A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE OF DUE PROCESS, ETC. SOOBEN, WHO IS PROBABLY THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ILO AFFAIRS IN GOM, SAID HE BELIEVED U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE. HE IS SYMPATHETIC TO POINT OF VIEW THAT ILO SHOULD RETURN TO THE BUSINESS OF LABOR-INDUSTRY RELATIONS AND "STAY OUT OF POLITICS."

5. THE MAURITIAN DELEGATION TO THE ILC IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) YOUSOUF MOHAMED, MINISTER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

(B) V. SOOBEN, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

(C) F. REY, DIRECTOR, MAURITIUS EMPLOYERS FEDERATION.

(D) M. DESJARDIM, MAURITIUS EMPLOYERS FEDERATION.

(E) MOHAMED VAYID, PRESIDENT, MAURITIUS EMPLOYERS FEDERATION.

(VAYID PLANS TO ATTEND ILC FOR BRIEF PERIOD ONLY.)

(F) S. JUGDAMBI, PRESIDENT, MAURITIUS LABOR CONGRESS.

(G) L. RAMSEWAK, PRESIDENT, GENERAL WORKERS FEDERATION.

(CONTROLLED BY THE MARXIST-ORIENTED MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT.)

(H) R. SAMPUATH, GOVERNMENT SERVANTS' ASSOCIATION.
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